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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: PRODUCTION APPARATUS FOR A MONOLAYER POWDER FILM ON A  
BASE MATERIAL IN A SHAPE OF AN ELONGATED FILM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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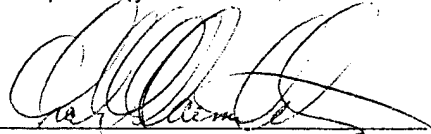
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